



February 25, 2020

Dear Madeleine Parents,

Our **Main Event** is just around the corner on Saturday, March 14. This event is the school's largest fundraiser. **Come One, Come All** under the big top to help raise funds for our school. This event is special to me because it is a happy time for us to gather and be together as a faith community. I look forward to seeing you there supporting our school.

The Liturgical Season of Lent begins tomorrow on *Ash Wednesday*, February 26. It is a time of spiritual renewal and conversion. It is not a simple turning away from sin but turning toward a renewed faithfulness. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are traditional ways in which we try to be more aware of how we are living our Christian faith. These activities help us to focus our lives on the Gospel and thus make the season of Lent an opportunity to draw closer to God.

Congratulations to our second graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation earlier this month. I ask for continued prayers for these students as they prepare for their First Communion in May. Thank you to **Mrs. Liz Brady** and **Mrs. Joy Marsella** for their help preparing them.

There are four important feast days and celebrations during the month of March; **Saint Katherine Drexel** on March 3; **Saint Patrick** on March 17; **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on March 19; and **The Annunciation of the Lord** on March 25.

WCEA/WASC ACCREDITATION VISIT

The WCEA/WASC Accreditation team visited School of the Madeleine **last week**. A team of eight members consisting of teachers, principals, and assistant superintendents from the Diocese of Orange visited our school. The team was very impressed with our amazing teachers, staff, parents, and our enthusiastic students. The team took time to meet with Fr. Steve, the teachers, the students, and a group of parents. I want to thank everyone for meeting with the team and representing our school so proudly. A special thank you to the PSA hospitality committee: **Lisa Hill, Claudia Virgillio, and Regan Wiese** who brought in breakfast items, lunches, and a dinner for the team while they were here.

The team was very impressed with the strong sense of community and Catholic Identity they felt as they visited classrooms and met with the various groups. The school was recommended for another 6-year term of accreditation, the highest term possible. The team's Report of Findings now goes to a team of commissioners who makes the final decision. We will receive word of the official term in June.

A copy of the final Self Study is still available for you to review under the Resource section on *SchoolSpeak*. Copies of the Self Study are also available in the school office for you to check out and read if you prefer a hard copy.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Friday, March 13, is Grandparents' Day. The students are working hard to prepare a wonderful show for their grandparents. The performance will start at **10:00 a.m.** in the parish hall. After the show, grandparents will be able to come down to the school to see their grandchild(ren)'s classrooms. Again, this year, grandparents will be allowed to sign out their grandchildren in their individual classrooms instead of waiting in a long line in the hallway. A special friend or neighbor can be a surrogate "grandparent" to a child whose grandparents are not able to join us.

I ask parents who are helping at school to please leave the parking lot for grandparents. Also, if you are going up to view the performance, please give priority seating to the grandparents.

Thank you, *Civita Bardaro*, for all your hard work preparing for this special day. Also, thank you to the parents who will help shuttle the grandparents and who will be sending in treats for the day. Please reach out to Civita if you can help!

PSA FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT REMINDER

Our **Main Event will take place on Saturday, March 14**. See the next paragraph for more information! This is the largest of all of our fundraising efforts and provides you with many opportunities to fulfill your PSA financial commitment. Your purchase of tickets to attend the event (25% of cost) or winning an online/live/silent auction package (50% of the cost) is applied towards your PSA commitment. This is the **last** fundraising opportunity for this year! Please see your tuition contract for details.

THE GREAT MAIN EVENT

Our largest fundraiser, **Come One, Come All**, will take place on **Saturday, March 14** at the BRICK in Liberty Station. The Main Event is an opportunity to build community, socialize with other parents, and raise funds for the school. Thank you again to our incredible co-chairs: *Susan Cuttitta, Janel Divona, Claire Dahlen, and Megan Eacret.*

The online auction ends Wednesday, February 26. <https://one.bidpal.net/sotmonlineauction2020>
Thank you to all who have purchased items to make this so successful. Thank you, *Lara Fast*, for chairing this important part of the fundraiser.

Do you have your ticket yet? The ticket booth closes soon – **ticket sales close on Friday, February 28**. Buy your tickets on the Main Event website (www.madeleinemainevent.com). I know our co-chairs have been working hard to make this year's event successful. I'm looking forward to the new ideas they are bringing to the event. I hope to see you all there to make the evening financially successful to benefit all our students and to have some fun!

Again, this year, you will have an opportunity to purchase a photo of your child(ren). **Angela Levy** has been taking professional photographs of your children. Thank you again, Angela, for your time and energy!

Aside from the importance of fundraising, another important aspect about our Main Event is that it is a **fun-filled event that gives us an opportunity to build community**. This fundraiser is important because everyone can contribute to its success. Families can attend the event, purchase live auction items, class baskets, class art treasures, and **The Golden Ticket!**

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS

Congratulations to the Student Council for raising \$761.85 with their Valentine-Gram sales. The money raised will be used for future Student Council activities and for a donation to Eric Paredes Safe a Life Foundation which recognizes the incidence of youth Sudden Cardiac Arrest/Death. This organization also supports equipping schools with automated external defibrillators (AED) plus CPR/AED training. Thank you, Student Council, for your dedication and service!

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Included in this newsletter is a list of junior high students who were recognized for their outstanding projects at our school-wide science fair on January 30. We congratulate these students for working so hard on their science fair projects! A special thank you to **Mrs. Rebecca Westfall** and **Mrs. Meg Alves** for organizing our science fair.

PAUL STABILE CHRISTIAN LIVING AWARDS

We want to congratulate the students who received the *Paul Stabile Christian Living Awards*. These awards were given to two students from each class from kindergarten through eighth grades. These awards were presented to the students before singing practice on January 31, ending the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The students who were recognized exemplify Christ-like behaviors. Please see the list in our newsletter of the students who were the recipients of the *Paul Stabile Christian Living Awards*.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students **entering grade seven** are required to have a **Tdap booster immunization**. The proof of this booster **must be given to our school office** by **Friday, May 1**. This is a county health regulation (AB 354). No child may start the first day of school without the **Tdap booster immunization record on file**. Thank you for your cooperation!

BOTTOM OF THE HILL

As I've written in the newsletter many times, I am worried about the safety of the students who are asked to meet their parents at the bottom of Illion Street. This is not school property and not supervised by any school personnel. It is very disheartening that many parents still ask their child(ren) to wait there anyway. I have offered options to no avail.

I still receive phone calls from angry and worried neighbors on Gardena Street. Please do not block the intersection of Gardena and Illion Streets. There is no other way for our neighbors to exit their subdivision except through the Illion and Gardena intersection. I have advised the neighbors to call the police and to take pictures of the cars involved in the violation.

I am once again asking you to be good neighbors by **not parking in** or **blocking** neighbors' driveways, **blocking** the intersection of Illion and Gardena to through traffic, or **waiting** in the northbound drive-through lane for an opening in the pick-up lane before dismissal.

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT

Our church parking lot is very busy with traffic during morning drop-off and after school pick-up. Please drive slowly and cautiously at all times. It is important that we all work diligently together to make it a safe place for our children. Parents who have small children should walk down to the convent area to pick up their child(ren) and walk them to their car. Keep in mind that parents backing out of parking spaces cannot see small children. Again, I ask that you **do not use cell phones** in the parking lot! Parents and students should always **use the designated pedestrian walkways** between the parked cars.

SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL GATE

Please remember that you are to immediately report to the school office after you are buzzed onto the school property. In addition, please do **not allow** any other individuals onto the property with you. This will ensure the safety of all our Madeleine community!

Please **do not ever park and leave your car in front of the school gate** whether the gate is open or closed. There needs to always be accessibility for emergency vehicles and for school employees.

CELL PHONE, SMART WATCH POLICY

Please remember that **no students should use or have their cell phone/smart watch on them during the school day**. All devices must be turned off and left in the student's backpack. After school, cell phones cannot be used or answered until 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m., if a student needs to use their cell phone, they may do so with the permission of the teacher on duty. Texting and taking photos are never allowed on campus.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MADELEINE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Madeleine Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Friday, May 1, 2020**. It will be held at Tecolate Golf Course with a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. **Michelle** and **Chris Riley, Anne Kuhn,** and **Kevin Spawn** are already working hard to make it a fun day for all. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADVANCED MATH PROGRAM

We are very fortunate to be able to offer an advanced math program for our students in fifth through eighth grades. This program is totally free to our families and enables our gifted math students to work beyond their current grade level. The requirements to enter this program are listed below. However, students who do not enter the program starting in fifth grade can test into the advanced math program in later grades.

To enter program:

1. The student's math grades must be mostly "A's" (90%-100%). No math grade can be below a "B" (83%).
2. Renaissance STAR testing – The student will be evaluated based on a variety of math scores from this test.
3. The student must have an average of "Very Good" (VG) in Responsible Behavior grades on the present report card.
4. The student must complete and master the appropriate level class during the summer through an independent program.
5. The student must pass a mastery math test with an 85% or higher given at the beginning of the next school year.
6. The student must maintain academic success in all subjects.

To continue in program:

1. The student must maintain an 83% grade on course work.
2. The student must have a 100% completion of all assignments given.
3. The student needs to maintain a VG or better behavior grade.
4. Parents and student must be aware that homework is given on weekends to maintain the needed pace to cover all educational concepts.
5. The student will be placed on academic probation when grade falls below 83%.
6. The student will have one quarter (report card to report card) to bring up deficiencies.

Opting out of the program:

1. If a student opts out of the program, they will not be allowed to enter at a later date.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please continue to pray for healing for *John Nolan*, father of Gabrielle (2A). Also, continue prayers for the loss of *Fr. Tony May*; *Robert Rodríguez*, (grandfather of Wyatt Weldon, 7A); and *Tanner Hood*, (alumnus).

Please follow us on Twitter @sdmadeleine and like us on Facebook at School of the Madeleine @SchooloftheMadeleine.

Please continue to **thank** your child(ren)'s teachers. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated and hard-working teachers at School of the Madeleine!

God bless,

Jean

Jean Coleman

OUR THANKS TO:

Fifth Grade parents—for providing lunch for the teachers on the First Friday of February and to the *Morton Family* for providing the food from *Miguel's Cocina*.

Lisa Hill, Claudia Virgillio, and Regan Wiese, PSA Hospitality—for the lovely luncheon for the Teacher Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week.

Joey Fio— for the donation of medical supplies for the nurse's office.

Bayne Family—for the delicious Ferrero Rocher chocolates, chocolate covered strawberries, cookies, and cake for the teachers and office staff.

Cowan Family—for the donation of C.S. Lewis books for the library.



VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Our virtue for the month of March is “**Forgiveness.**” This virtue is perfect for the season of Lent. Forgiveness is granting pardon and giving up all claims on an offense. It means releasing the need to be right by not focusing on our anger. When we forgive, we experience freedom from our pain and sorrow. Thus we become people who are more loving. Forgiveness transcends revenge, anger, and bitterness. As a community, let us help our children focus and understand the true meaning of this important virtue.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS

All students entering 7th grade are required by state law to have a TDap booster immunization. A copy of your child’s immunization record showing the required TDap booster must be sent to the school office by **Friday, May 1, 2020**. Your child will not be admitted on the first day of school without this immunization.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION

It's time to collect your Box Tops once again! Our 2nd Box Top collection will be taking place this week (2/24-2/28). There will be a collection receptacle in front of the school office. Please submit your Box Tops in a plastic bag labeled with your child's class. There is a class competition & the winning class will receive a special treat! You can also submit Box Tops through the new Box Tops for Education app! Just scan your receipt and the coupon will be instantly added to our school's account.



COLD AND FLU SEASON

We are concerned about the health of all the children at school during this cold and flu season. If your child has had a fever, diarrhea, nasal discharge, vomiting, sore throat, headache, stomachache, earache, skin rash or just not quite him/herself please keep them home for 24 hours. Children who are not well and come to the nurse's office shortly after arriving at school also need to be kept home. This is for the health of all the children, teachers, staff and parents. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently.

TEXT ALERTS FOR UNREPORTED ABSENCES

Parents please remember that you must call the school by 9:30 a.m. each day your child is absent, will be late due to medical appointments, or to request homework. If you have not contacted the school office by phone or in writing to report absences you will receive a text alert that your child is not at school. If you receive a text alert, please call the school immediately. When your child returns you must provide a signed note to the teacher explaining the absence. Your phone call is not a replacement for the signed note.

PLEASE PARENTS, IF YOU HAVE TIME DURING THE DAY...

→ WE NEED YOUR HELP ←

IN OUR "NURSES" OFFICE FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM EVERY DAY TILL JUNE 2.

"No Experience Necessary"

→ SIGN UP ON-LINE ←

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544acaa22a31-school5>

COLLECTION FOR CCSA

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is asking for donations of hygiene items for the Community Christian Service Agency. Most requested items include: Shampoo; full and travel sizes, soap; full and travel sizes, razors, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; full and travel sizes. We ask that Madeleine families bring their donations to the office or drop them off at the rectory between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

† PAUL STABILE CHRISTIAN LIVING AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who received the Paul Stabile Christian Living award. This award was given to two students in kindergarten through eighth grades. These students were presented with their awards during Catholic Schools Week in front of the student body.

KA	Gianna Williams	KA	Wesley Ives
KB	Isabel Lyons	KB	Luke Svehaug
KF	Sloane Stender	KF	CJ Mason
1A	Cora Mazza	1A	Jack Latta
1B	Grace Lemeshefsky	1B	Colton Karijanian
2A	Maggie Mecklenborg	2A	Bennett Gonzalez
2B	Mariana Perez	2B	Blake Ferreira
3A	Berkeley Morris	3A	Barrett Watje
3B	Audrey Cashman	3B	Torin Bryar
4A	Siena Hahn	4A	Shawn Spears
4B	Sofia Klein	4B	Owen Byers
5A	Katie French	5A	Grayson Bell
5B	Sophia Lombardo	5B	Cooper Brosnan
6A	Brayden Flippin	6A	Giovanna Brunetto
6B	Danielle Muttera	6B	Nathan Wilber
7A	Amelia Nail	7A	Thomas Bacich
7B	Alyxia Warner	7B	Chris LeTourneau
8A	Madeline Bergener	8A	Ava Bayne
8B	Maggie Holcomb	8B	Christopher Thompson
P.E.	Brodie Serrano, 5B	P.E.	Rose Riley, 8A

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS

These students in kindergarten through eighth grades participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at School of the Madeleine.

Boys

Jacob Reid (14 yr. old)
Billy Gault (13 yr. old)
Ian Lusky (12 yr. old)
Cole Dolin (11 yr. old)
Nikola Pandza (10 yr. old)
Robert Sebastian Silkey (4th Grade)
Charlie Graulich (3rd Grade)
Miles Wilber (2nd Grade)
Carter Santos (1st Grade)
Edward Ruhe (Kindergarten)

Girls

Audrey Bryar (14 yr. old)
Mia Chiodini (13 yr. old)
Greta Engelman (12 yr. old)
Amaya Reid (11 yr. old)
Lily Hagopian (10 yr. old)
Quinn Gaffney (4th Grade)
Cristina Ingram (3rd Grade)
Grace O'Neal (2nd Grade)
Blair McKean (1st Grade)
Paige Likert (Kindergarten)



February Class News

KINDERGARTEN

February was a fun-filled month in Kindergarten!

February 4th was the 100th Day of school! Each student brought in 100 items to share and count with the class. We illustrated pictures of ourselves at 100 years old and wrote about what we have accomplished in the first 100 days of school. Our students are 100 days smarter!

We celebrated Valentine's Day by decorating cookies with our Big Buddies! We love getting to hang out with our buddies. Thanks to all of our parents that have helped make February so filled with fun activities.

We are learning about maps and our community. We created maps of our own communities. We learned about Jesus' miracles and how to show love and care as Jesus did.

We are taking the skills we learned during our 15 weeks of handwriting instruction and applying them in Language Arts. Students are practicing writing Six Star Sentences that contain a complete thought, have details, begin with a capital letter, have spaces between words, good spelling, and end with punctuation. Please help us reinforce these writing skills at home, and you will be amazed at the progress your student will make in the coming months.

The students are so excited to progress through their reading boxes, but it is very difficult on the days when we have no helpers to facilitate this growth. A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

FIRST GRADE

February is flying by! First Grade had a wonderful Valentines Day Celebration!! We pondered the true meaning of why we celebrate this day! A man, and a priest, Valentine continued to marry couples in spite of the Law. Valentine, believed in marriage, during a time when the Emperor Claudius out-lawed this sacred union between couples! Valentine continued to marry couples in spite of the law! He was eventually imprisoned, and put to death! While in prison, the daughter of one of the guards, faithfully visited him. She helped to keep his spirits up, and reminded him he did the right thing! On the day of his death, he left a note for her, thanking her for her friendship, and loyalty. He signed it, "Love from your Valentine!" We have observed the children have a whole new appreciation for Valentines Day! We have all been preparing our rooms for the coming of the WASC Team! The students have done a wonderful job displaying their work! We are so proud of all the variety of work demonstrating their skills, that are displayed in the classroom! It has been a cold winter, but the children have remained steadfast, and enthusiastic! We are looking forward to Spring!

SECOND GRADE

Second Grade began this month with the beautiful experience of receiving the gift of Reconciliation for the first time. We spent a lot of time talking about examining our conscience and asking ourselves what we were, and were not doing to live our baptismal call to love and serve others. As Lent begins we will focus on growing in grace by acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we strive to grow closer to Jesus each day. In Math we focused on geometric shapes as well as time and money. We are getting much better at reading those clocks on the walls of our classroom now. Our writing skills are getting stronger by the day as we continue to practice crafting strong topic and concluding sentences in our paragraphs. We also worked on making all our writing richer by using adjectives that appeal to our senses and adverbs that add detail to our active verbs by telling when, where or how something is done. Our favorite activities this month have to be our science investigations into states and properties of matter in 2A and how the earth's surface is structured and changes in 2B. Be sure to ask 2A students about their amazing bridges and 2B about their erosion projects. We are thinking, questioning, hypothesizing and testing our theories like scientists in 2nd grade and loving what we are learning.

THIRD GRADE

The third grade students are now writing some of their assignments in cursive. We are learning the cursive capital letters, too.

We recently completed our Famous American reports. They were on display for the WASC team visitors. Our Science Fair inventions were very creative as well. Each student had an opportunity to share their invention in class. There were some helpful and very practical inventions.

Valentine's Day was a lot of fun, too! Our parents surprised us with love notes. We had a fun party, and we were reminded to love others and treat others the way we would want to be treated.

Lent begins this week. We will try hard to follow Jesus, by doing simple acts of kindness, being more prayerful, and abstaining.

We look forward to welcoming our Grandparent's and special friends to our school.

FOURTH GRADE

February has been a busy month. We continue to grow in reading and comprehension skills, especially pertaining to reading informational text. All students enjoy reading about current events in the Scholastic News issues that come every two weeks. This gives them practice in knowing how to read informational text and use features such as charts, maps, graphs and captions on pictures. These skills transfer over to the study of science and social studies.

In science we are learning about the earth and its features as well as changes in the earth from erosion, weather and volcanoes. In social studies we are continuing to study about California's history having left the mission era and reading about the Mexican War of Independence, as well as the Bear Flag Revolt. An easy family field trip to enhance our study is to the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park, which is only 2 miles from the entrance to Safari Park. It has a small museum and surrounding park that explains the battle of San Pasqual, a battle that was referenced in our Social Studies book.

A special thank you to our students this last week as we welcomed visitors for our accreditation. The team told us that the Madeleine students were a great treat to meet and get to know during their few days here.

We look forward to focusing on the reason for our faith this next month, the death and resurrection of our Lord. Lent begins next Wednesday with Mass on Ash Wednesday. God Bless. Mrs. Kalleberg and Mrs. Clamon



FIFTH GRADE

Hello February! We have been busy during this month of caring. All of us are keeping up with our Renaissance reading points, through teacher read novels, class novels, or free choice. We had the honor of having Zen's dad, Captain Catre, come to speak with our class about his life in the Navy. He is a corpsman and has been on multiple deployments. He has experienced many trying times while serving and reinforced to us how his Catholic faith has helped him stay strong and brave. He is an absolutely wonderful role model of living his faith daily while serving our country. Our 5th grade has been collecting snacks for our service project for Children's Hospital. We packed them up this week. Thank you to all that brought in the donations. I know that Children's Hospital relies on groups to help with the "extras." As third quarter is half way completed, please check to make sure your children have the right supplies, you are checking for homework completion, and signing the homework pads.

SIXTH GRADE

Our class just returned from camp where we challenged ourselves, gained independence, and learned survival skills. We enjoyed our outdoor education experience and the time spent in God's beautiful outdoor classroom. Now that we've returned, we continue to challenge ourselves to reach our academic goals. In science we are beginning our Marvelous Minerals project in which we will research a mineral and create an informative page about it. The pages will be bound together to create an informative text to share with other classes. In literature we are reading the works of diverse authors including nonfiction texts like "Langston Terrace," "Letter From a Concentration Camp," and "Letter to Scottie." Our knowledge of world religions and cultures is increasing as we study Buddhism in Ancient India and the dynasties of Ancient China. We met with our buddies last week to celebrate Valentine's Day and to decorate cookies as we got to know each other even more. We look forward to preparing the Ash Wednesday liturgy we will celebrate with the school community as we begin the season of Lent.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

	1 st . Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Building Category	Maggie Holcomb & Audrey Bryar: Hologram Logan Sanford & Julian Gistaro: Hovercraft	Angela Jooste: Solar Panel Cooker	Peyton Moore & Sydney Serrano: Robotics Gianna Nunes: Infinity Mirror
Experiment Category	Joshua Martin-Spencer: Quantum Optics	Jeff Ring: How does ventilation affect a fire? Aaron Cramp & David Wise: Rocket Motor	Will Stowell & Cody Walker: The 7 Flames
Best Board Design	Audrey O'Neal & Madeline Bergener: Does Fahrenheit Affect the Fizz?		
Most Applicable for Today	Pedro Maria-Romek: Iphone Radiation		
Best Energy Related	Kelly Rickwa: Solar Concentrator		
Best Environmental	Chris Thompson: Solar Panel Desalination		
Best Experiment & Building Combined	Nicolas Rodriguez & Mitchel Sanford: Hydraulic Arm		

SEVENTH GRADE

After the amazing second quarter, we are so excited to start our third! In this newsletter, I can inform you of everything new happening and the general news. To start off the third quarter with a bang, our class, the seventh grade, made new 2020 goals to celebrate the new year. We are also learning new things everyday in our seven classes at School of the Madeleine. In Social Studies, we are learning about ancient Japanese culture, in English verb tenses, in Spanish the word form "tener", in Advanced Math slopes and slope intercepts, in Normal Math percentages, in Science the cardiovascular system and human anatomy, in Literature we just finished reading and discussing "A Christmas Carol", and lastly in Religion we are learning about the process of Confirmation. We are also very excited for our upcoming Grandparents Day, where each grade will perform a song for them, then we can show them around our classroom! Finally, there will be a school Mass on March 6th which will be brought to you by the seventh grade and will be celebrating our preparation for Lent. Happy third quarter!

Written by Lily Ashman

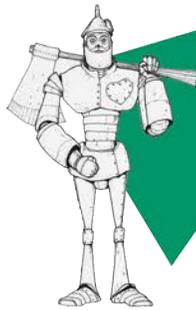
EIGHTH GRADE

This month has been filled with fun activities and lots of valuable learning. Many of us took our placement test at one of the four Catholic high schools, The Academy of Our Lady of Peace, Saint Augustine, Cathedral, or Mater Dei on January 25th. Since then we have either met with the administration for an interview or will in the next few weeks. We are all very excited about receiving acceptance letters.

In literature we are beginning to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In English we're learning all about verbs. In religion we learned about the Great Western Schism and how the Church suffered division and recovered with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We also participated in the ACRE assessments and had family life classes. In science we are learning about the electrical circuits, currents, and static electricity. We are also learning about the abolitionist movement, slavery, and the industrial revolution in social studies. In Algebra, we have learned all about properties of exponents and have started a unit on polynomials. In regular math we are writing and solving linear equations and learning about slope. Finally, in Spanish we continue to learn more vocabulary and are conjugating the verb *ser & estar*.

We had a great time at our winter dance and we're looking forward to putting on a great show for our grandparents on Grandparents' Day.

CYT@school is devoted to introducing performing arts to children, one school at a time, by providing a high-quality experience that is educational and enjoyable. Students will perform in-



HIGHLIGHTS FROM: THE WIZARD OF OZ

Workshops: each week on Wednesday, students will explore performing arts through acting, singing and dancing. Visual and performing arts reinforce literacy, speaking and listening. They provide natural opportunities for students to communicate, collaborate, create and critically-think.

Showcase: a short performance to share some of what they've learned. It is minimal in nature - no sets but a borrowed costume piece and lots of enthusiasm!

Perks: An Actor's book which includes scripts, projects and games; a t-shirt and 2 tickets to a Main-Stage CYT production.

Focus: an experience that is educational and enjoyable. It's not just about the showcase but the process of getting there and what they will take with them *after* - the joy, the hard work and feeling successful in knowing they've done their best.

Students: all students in grades 1-8 are welcome (no Kindergarten). There are a limited number of spots available. Let us know if your child has any special needs so we can be prepared to help meet them.

Calendar:	Date:	Room:	Time:
Week 1	March 25	St. Francis Room	2:55 - 4:25
Week 2	April 1	St. Francis Room	2:55 - 4:25
Week 3	April 8	St. Francis Room	2:55 - 4:25
	April 15	NO WORKSHOP	Easter Break
Week 4	April 22	St. Francis Room	2:55 - 4:25
Week 5	April 29	St. Francis Room	2:55 - 4:25
Week 6	May 6	St. Francis Room	2:55 - 4:25
Week 7	May 13	The Hall	2:55 - 4:25
Week 8	May 20 Showcase	The Hall	1:00 - 2:00 (dress rehearsal) 2:00 - SHOWCASE

1st time registration- contact us for a \$10 discount code!

Registration is online at www.cytsandiego.org/SOM

1. CYT@school is on the homepage or under Classes; find your school.
2. Login to your existing family account or create a new one when prompted.
3. Fee \$175*: includes Actor's Book, t-shirt and 2 **FREE** tickets to a CYT show.

**Register BEFORE the first day of class.* (If registered the first day, or later, the cost increases \$10.)

Have questions? Email: robyn@cytsandiego.org